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Dean Dankelson Named President, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Other Officers Assume New Roles

January 13, 2010, Jefferson City, MO –Dean G. Dankelson, Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney has been elected as the President of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA). Dankelson assumed this role on January 1, 2010, following his tenure as Vice President of the organization. He was elected to the Board of MAPA in 2008 as Secretary.

“Prosecutors across the state are working tirelessly to pursue justice on behalf of their communities,” says Dankelson. “I’m proud to represent their interests and spread word about their good works.”

Dankelson has a rich set of leadership experiences both professionally and personally. He was elected as the Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney in 1998 after serving six years as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. He began his legal career 20 years ago and is a former partner of the Flanigan, McCanse and Lasley law firm in Carthage. Dankelson is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia and earned his law degree at the University of North Carolina.

Dankelson teaches criminal law as an Adjunct professor at Missouri Southern State University, and in Missouri Southern’s police academy. He sits on the boards of the Bulldog Youth Athletic Association, the Carl Junction Education Foundation and is President at the Children’s Center of Southwest Missouri. Dankelson was acknowledged for his good works with a Friend of Education Award from the Carl Junction Teacher’s Association and the Missouri State Teacher’s Association. He resides in Jasper County with his wife and three children.

Other MAPA Officers assuming new positions include:

Vice President:	David Baird, Nodaway County
Treasurer:	Darrell Moore, Green County
Secretary:	Brian Keedy, Camden County
Immediate Past President:	Dwight Scroggins, Buchanan County

Other Board members include: Jennifer Joyce, City of St. Louis; Bob McCullouch, St. Louis County; Mike Wright, Warren County; Bob George, Lawrence County; Mike Hazel, Pemiscot County; Mike Fusselman, Randolph County; John Kay, Moniteau County; Steve Sokoloff, Dunklin County.

The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys was established in 1969 for the purpose of providing uniformity and efficiency in the discharge of duties and functions of Missouri prosecutors and their assistants. The Association today continues to further its purpose through extensive training programs and by working with the development of legislation that is important to Missouri prosecutors. As president of MAPA, Dankelson will also serve as chairman of the Prosecutors Coordinators Training Council for 2010.

For more information about MAPA, contact the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services at 573-751-0619 or visit our website at www.mops.mo.gov

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